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SUBJECT: COLLINS PACKSET RADIOS FOR SYRIAN ARMY

1. REGIONAL REPS FOR COLLINS RADIO, BASED IN IRYADH, CALLED ON ECONOFF LAST WEEK TO REPORT ON THEIR NEGOTIATIONS TO SELL SMALL PACKSET RADIO TO SYRIAN ARMY. MODEL COLLINS HAS IN MIND IS DESIGNATED QTE COLLINS 719D-2 HP UNQTE AND IS DESCRIBED AS A LIGHTWEIGHT SSB PACKSET. COLLINS PROPOSES AN INITIAL SALE OF AT LEAST 500 UNITS TO SYRIAN ARMY FOLLOWED BY LOCAL ASSEMBLY AND POSSIBLY CO-PRODUCTION IN SYRIAN DEFENSE FACTORIES OF ADDITIONAL 5000 UNITS IN JOINT VENTURE WITH COLLINS. SYRIANS HAVE BEEN IN UK SHOPPING FOR SIMILAR BRITISH RADIO.

2. COLLINS REPS STATE THEY HAVE OBTAINED PERMISSION FOR EXPORT TO NON-NATO COUNTRIES OF ABOVE DESCRIBED RADIO AS WELL AS PERMISSION FOR OVERSEAS LICENSED PRODUCTION (IN CANDAD) AND APPEARED OPTIMISTIC THEY COULD OBTAIN USG APPROVAL FOR SYRIA AS WELL. EMBASSY DID NOT ENCOURAGE THEM TO BELIEVE OBTAINING EXPORT LICENSE WOULD BE SIMPLE MATTER.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS SOME QUESTION ON EXACT CAPABILITY
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OF RADIO DESCRIBED. IF IT IS INDEED LONG-RANGE LIGHT SSB UNIT, DATT BELIEVES 5000 UNITS FAR IN EXCESS SYRIAN NEEDS. THERE MAY BE SOME SYRIAN DESIRE EXPORT TO OTHER ARAB STATES WHO MAY BE AUTHORIZED PURCHASE SUCH RADIOS. THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE DETERMINATION BY SYRIAN ARMY CHIEF SIGNALS SEEK WESTERN (PARTICULARLY U.S.) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE SOVIET EQUIPMENT

WHICH SYRIAN ARMY DISLIKES.
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